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For: BONE PLATING SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002, please enter the following amendments and comments into the file of this application.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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1. (Amended) A bone plating system for fixation of bone comprising:
a bone plate having:
an upper surface;
a bone-contacting surface;
at least one first hole passing through the upper and bone-contacting surfaces
and having a thread; and
at least one non-threaded second hole passing through the upper and bone-
contacting surfaces;
a first screw having a shaft with a thread for engaging bone and a head with a thread
configured and dimensioned to mate with the thread of the first hole; and
a second screw having a shaft with a thread for engaging bone and a non-threaded
head, wherein the first and second screws remain seated in their respective holes for
substantially as long as the bone plate is implanted.

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